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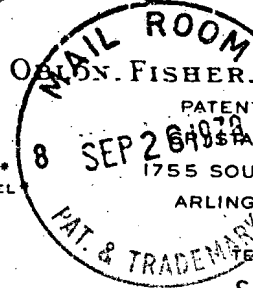
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Sir:

There is submitted herewith a statement of Prior Art pursuant to
37 CFR 1.97.

In addition, the Examiner's attention is invited to the fact that the
application S.N. 694,589, filed June 10, 1976 referred to at page 1 of the
present application, has issued as patent number 4,086,225 on April 25, 1978.
A copy of the relevant O.G. pages are included herewith. A copy of the
patent is not submitted herewith since the Examiner undoubtedly has it
in his files.

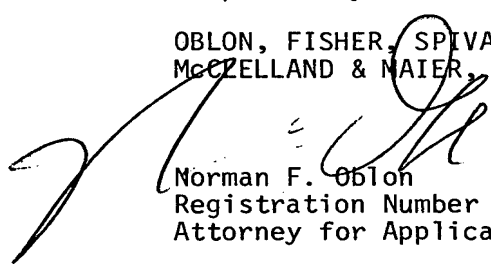
The Prior Art Statement cites U.S. Patent 3,338,888 and Chemical
Abstracts Vol. 64, page 19599 (1966).

U.S. Patent 3,338,888 is the Bickel patent cited during the prosecution
of the above noted S.N. 694,589.

The Chemical Abstracts citation describes the preparation of rifazine from rifamycin S and rifamycin O.

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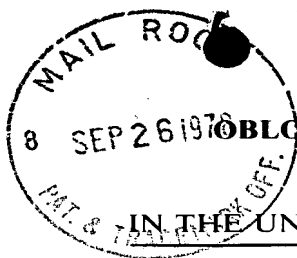
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Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record the following prior art which is believed to be relevant:

Prior Art

- 1) Chemical Abstracts, Vol 64, page 19599-(1966):
cites Il Farmaco (Pavia) Ed.Sci. 21(1), 68-75 (1966)
- 2) U.S. patent no. 3338888

(List all relevant
prior art)

A copy of each of the above-identified items of prior art is presented herewith with a copy of an English translation of pertinent portions of any non-English language prior art if an existing translation is readily available.

Statement of Relevancy

(Provide in one or two sentences a brief statement as to how each item of prior art is relevant to the invention)

Both references describe antibacterial compounds having properties and structural formulae similar to that of the compound claimed in this patent application.

The above cited prior art is not necessarily a complete listing of all prior art known to applicant. The listing includes only that prior art which, in the reasonable opinion of applicant, is relevant to the claimed invention.

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